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TRADE BETWEEN INDIA AND EU
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has held talks with EU on free trade agreement;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the details of trade between India and EU countries during each of the last three years and in the current year, till date, country-wise and product-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) & (b) Yes,Sir.Negotiations for an India-European Union (EU) broad based Trade and Investment Agreement commenced on 28.6.2007 at Brussels.The first round of negotiations was focused on discussing the framework for undertaking negotiations and exchange of ideas on the broad contours of the agreement in areas of Trade in Goods, Trade in Services, Investments, Sanitary and Phytosanitary measures, Technical Barriers to Trade, Trade Remedies, Customs Cooperation and Trade Facilitation. Based on these initial discussions, both sides discussed textual proposals in the 2nd and 3rd round of negotiations that were held during 1-5 October 2007 in New Delhi and December 2007 in Brussels.

(c) The details of India's trade with European Union is furnished below: -
US$ Million

Year	Export	Import	Total trade
2004-05	19673	25621	45,294
2005-06	23,229	25,998	49,227
2006-07	26,863	34,781	61,644
2007-08	26,346	35,468	61,814

for April-December 2007.

Details of imports and exports with EU member countries and their product wise/countrywise export-import details are available on the website of Ministry of Commerce which is http://commerce.gov.in